

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
May 6, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Edmanson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noticed that this regular Council meeting is being held in compliance with the Delaware Open Public Meeting Act by posting the agenda on April 29, 2013, in the following manner:

- a. The electronic sign; and
- b. The Official Bulletin Boards; and
- c. The official Town of Camden Web Site.

W.B. Simpson third grade Representative Dallas Glass led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Edmanson led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Mayor Edmanson, Vice Mayor King, Councilman Casquarelli, Councilman Dougherty, and Councilman Green.

Council Absent: None

Staff Attending: Chief William Bryson, Town Manager Aaron Chaffinch, Town Clerk Jamie Fenske, Account Specialist Amanda Wooleyhand, Financial Officer Patrick Cullen, Code Enforcement Officer Harold Scott, and Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen.

AMENDMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council will hold a Public Workshop on Monday, May 13th, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. regarding the proposed fiscal year 2014 draft budget.

Town Hall will be closed Monday, May 27th, 2013 in observance of Memorial Day.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli to approve the April 1, 2013 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

FINANCE REPORT

Patrick Cullen stated there is still an estimated surplus for the current fiscal year.

Mr. Cullen conveyed that a lot of fiscal year 2013's revenue came from one time sources, like Barclay Farms and Tidbury transfer tax, and Redner's Market, Cheddar's & CNB building permit fees.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Bryson's report included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity.

Chief Bryson stated that 2 new Ford Explorers have water leaks that Ford is working on. One of the Explorers was involved in an accident that was not the Town's fault and will be repaired on Hertrich's expense.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch indicated that Cheddar's Casual Café opened today at 3pm.

Mr. Chaffinch stated there will be an increase in tax revenue because of Redners, Cheddars, and CNB Bank.

Mr. Chaffinch reported that on April 11, 2013 the Town of Camden map was recorded with the Recorder of Deeds.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Harold Scott Jr. of the CWFD reported 212 medical calls and 67 fire calls.

Mr. Harold Scott Jr. also reminded resident's bingo every Tuesday night, doors open at 5:30pm.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Tracy Torres stated there is a monthly meeting on May 14, 2013 at 7pm at Camden Wyoming Water and Sewer Authority.

Ms. Torres also asked residents and business owners to be mindful of what is being disposed of through the sewer.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Tracey Green stated the regular monthly meeting is May 21, 2013 7:00 PM, at Barclay Farms.

Mrs. Green also advised June 15th is Camden Day.

MAYOR

Mayor Edmanson expressed his enthusiasm for Camden day on June 15th that will take place at Town Hall.

PRESENTATION

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Open space – delinquent taxes

Town solicitor Craig Eliassen stated that one way of paying off the delinquent tax for Tamarac would be to divide the delinquency amongst the 162 lots. According to a document from 1974 this can be done for the large property in Tamarac, not the small property.

Mr. Chaffinch announced that he has a meeting with the Buckson's to discuss a payoff arrangement for their delinquent taxes.

NEW BUSINESS

Trash contract bids

Mr. Chaffinch stated that the trash contract bids were opened on April 18, 2013 that will be effective on July 1, 2013.

Mr. Chaffinch made a recommendation to keep the current contract with Republic Services since they had the lowest bid at \$19.85 a month.

Mr. Chaffinch expressed that the current charge to the residents is \$288 a year per household. His recommendation would be to lower the amount to \$252 a year which would be a \$36 in savings a year.

A motion was made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Green, to accept the trash contract bid from Republic Services Incorporated as submitted for \$19.85 per month. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice-Mayor King to accept the \$252.00 yearly rate per household. All in favor; none apposed.

Missing Children Proclamation

Mr. Chaffinch read aloud the Missing Children Proclamation.

A motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to approve the Missing Children Proclamation. All in favor; none apposed.

Mayor Edmanson signed the proclamation.

Draft budget – first reading

Mayor and council presented the FY 2013/2014 budget in detail including but not limited to:

- Municipal Street Aid Fund
- Code enforcement
- Salary increases
- Cops Grant

L&W Insurance – final proposal

Mr. Chaffinch stated that with the proposal from L&W Insurance the HRA plan would be eliminated and a co-pay would be adopted. With this proposal there are two different plans that the employees can chose from. Bill Strickland will meet with the employees to explain the difference between the two plans.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that the employer would still pay 85% of the health care and a 100% of vision and dental.

Account Specialist Amanda Wooleyhand specified that the cost to the employee would go up a small amount depending on the plan chosen.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King, seconded by Councilman Green, to accept the final proposal from L&W Insurance as submitted. All in favor; none apposed.

University of Delaware Planning Office Proposal to assist in the Camden Comprehensive Plan 5 year amendment.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that the proposal from the University of Delaware is \$4,800. It is his recommendation to accept this proposal.

A motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to accept the proposal as submitted from the University of Delaware Planning Office to assist with the Camden Comprehensive Plan 5 year amendment. All in favor; none apposed.

Hiott proposal to fix HVAC controls

Mr. Chaffinch indicated that Hiott has presented a proposal to fix the control system for the HVAC for a cost not to exceed \$6,120.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to accept the proposal as submitted from Hiott to fix the HVAC controls for no more than \$6,120. Roll call:

Councilman Green, yes

Councilman Casquarelli, no

Vice-Mayor King, yes

Councilman Dougherty, yes

Mayor Edmanson, yes

5-1 vote, Motion carries.

Deputy Chief's contract

Mayor Edmanson stated that the Deputy Chief contract expires July 1, 2013. There is currently a Police Chief, Deputy Chief, detective, and 5 patrol officers. The COPS Grant ends in January and the Town will become responsible in funding the salary for the patrol officer that is covered under this grant.

Vice-Mayor King added that there has been a decrease in the amount of patrol officers over the past few years but there has been growth in the Town. Due to the increase in the amount of crime there is need for more patrol officers.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Green congratulated Mr. Chaffinch on all of his work and accomplishments that is achieved in his first year being with the Town.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Savage - 302 Meeting House Ln shared her appreciation for Mr. Chaffinch and the police department.

Tracy Torres- 15 Kathleen Ct stated that she would like to see more police officers on the road. Mrs. Torres questioned if there is a proposed increased in property taxes.

Richard Maly- 20 Raze Ln asked to have the budget posted on the Town website so that the citizens could review it before the public workshop.

Tracey Green- 102 S Main St expressed that she would like to see the grass at Tamarac not being cut anymore for budget reasons.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To consider a personnel matter in which the names, competency, and abilities of employees will be discussed, pursuant to Title 29, Chapter 100, Section 10004 (b)(9)

At 9:58PM Mayor and Council went into executive session to consider a personnel matter in which the names, competency, and abilities of employees would be discussed.

At 10:32PM a motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Dougherty to return from executive session into regular session. All in favor none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:33 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Vice-Mayor King, to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*